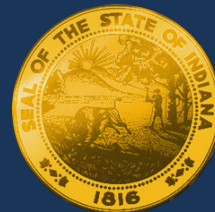




MARION COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE



Terry Curry, Prosecutor

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Dating Violence Resources

National Dating Abuse Helpline

1-866-331-9474
www.LoveIsRespect.org

Connect2Help

Directory of local resources
2-1-1

Legacy House

*Indianapolis not-for-profit
serving adults and children*
(317) 554-5272

Break the Cycle

www.breakthecycle.org

That's Not Cool

www.thatstnotcool.com

A Thin Line

www.athinline.org

Fraud and Scam Prevention for Seniors

When:

Feb. 11, 7p.m.

Where:

Warren Township Education
and Community Center
975 N. Post Rd.

RSVP:

MCPO@indy.gov

FREE presentation on
simple and effective crime
prevention tips, including
topics such as: Identity
theft - Healthcare fraud -
Caregiver fraud - Personal
safety - Home security

A message from Prosecutor Terry Curry

February is designated as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, drawing attention to a social problem that can affect young people of all backgrounds. Nearly one in seven of Indiana's female high schools students reported being hit, slapped, or physically hurt by their boyfriend or girlfriend during the past 12 months, a rate that is both higher than the national average and on the rise.

Dating abuse can take many forms, including physical violence, verbal or emotional abuse, and sexual abuse. In addition to direct harassment, abusers can access victims everywhere and any time through harassing text messages or threatening social media posts. The effects of dating violence can have a lasting impact, and victims are at a greater risk of experiencing violence later in life.

Resources for parents, concerned adults, and young people are available, and police intervention is appropriate if a relationship is so dangerous that it involves threats or physical abuse. Confidential advice is available through the National Dating Abuse Helpline at 1-866-331-9474, by texting "loveis" to 77054, or by visiting www.LoveIsRespect.org.

As a community, we must educate ourselves about the warning signs and dangers of unhealthy relationships so that we can educate our children. No one deserves to be in an abusive or dangerous relationship.

Marion Co. Prosecutor's Office honors fallen officers

The fourth annual Officer David Moore Memorial Blood Drive was held on January 24 at the Indianapolis City Market's Platform. This year's event received 75 units of whole blood donations. Greeting donors with Prosecutor Curry and staff was Lance Lewis, recipient of an organ donation by Officer Moore and representative of the Officer David S. Moore Foundation to continue David's legacy. If you would like to find out more on the Officer David S. Moore Foundation, please visit www.davidmoorefoundation.com.



In late December and early January the Prosecutor's Office and FOP Local 86 held a canned food drive in memory of Officer Rod Bradway. Officer Bradway was killed in the line of duty in September 2013. Donations were given to the David S. Moore Food Pantry in Fountain Square in Bradway's honor.

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Man posing as police officer to solicit women sentenced



On January 21, Nicholas Houston was sentenced to 50 years, 5 suspended, to be served in the Indiana Department of Correction. Houston was convicted of picking up two women on separate occasions and forcing them to perform sexual acts. Detectives discovered allegations of criminal activity possibly committed by a law enforcement officer after the first victim, 16-years-old, disclosed information of sexual abuse to a therapist. The victims said Houston had shown each of them a badge and identified himself as a law enforcement officer.

It was determined that Houston was not a law enforcement officer, but was in possession of a badge as an employee of a company contracted to operate Indiana Department of Correction facilities.

With the physical description of locations, a vehicle and the suspect, detectives were able to locate the vehicle which was traced to Nicholas Houston. Positive identifications by both victims led to his arrest.

Continuing the hard work of detectives, deputy prosecutors presented the case before a jury in early December. That jury ultimately found Houston guilty of three counts of Criminal Confinement (Class A and C Felony), two counts Criminal Deviate Conduct (Class A and B Felonies), and one count Battery By Bodily Waste (Class A Misdemeanor).

Two charged in death of pizza delivery man John Sullivan

Jeremiah Roberts and Derek Romano have been charged with Murder and Robbery in the death of 49-year-old John Sullivan, whose body was discovered in the basement of a home in the 1800 block of S. Belmont Ave. According to the probable cause affidavit filed in the case, Sullivan was last seen the previous day during his shift as a pizza delivery man. The two men were apprehended in Wyoming and are expected to be extradited to Marion County to face the pending charges.

Prosecutors work to expedite paternity establishment for child support cases

The Marion County Prosecutor's Office Child Support Division worked with the Superior and Circuit Courts to create an additional weekly court docket devoted to hearings for pending child support cases requiring the establishment of paternity. It is estimated that 30 to 40 more cases will be set each week to establish paternity and support.

The Prosecutor's Office Child Support Division is responsible for the enforcement and collection of court orders for child support issued by Marion County Superior and Circuit Courts. Paternity establishment services are provided through genetic testing when the services are court-ordered as part of a child support proceeding.

For more information about child support enforcement or your pending case, please email MCPO@indy.gov, call (317) 327-1800, or visit www.indy.gov/childsupport.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Free crime prevention programs

*Offered by the
Marion County Prosecutor's
Community Prosecution Division*

Schedule a presentation at:
(317) 327-3522 or MCPO@indy.gov

Burglary and property crime prevention: Protecting your home and vehicle from crime.

Power Against Fraud presentation for seniors: Elder fraud and scam prevention for seniors.

Project CyberSafe: Educating children and parents about the dangers of online behavior and legal consequences of cyberbullying.

Choices Not Chances: Teaching youth the consequences of choices through scenarios involving gangs, bullying, and dating violence. Educators and parents can also access the presentation and scripts online at www.indy.gov/MCPO to use with classes or their family.

Gang education: Recognizing gang activity and what to do to keep children out of gangs.

Other Services

Child Support Enforcement: For assistance in the establishment, enforcement and modification of court ordered child support, please call (317) 327-1800.

Adult Protective Services
Hotline: Report endangered adults to (877) 284-0063.

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